

First Thoughts on Using the Farms for Large Scale Monte Carlo Production During Run 2

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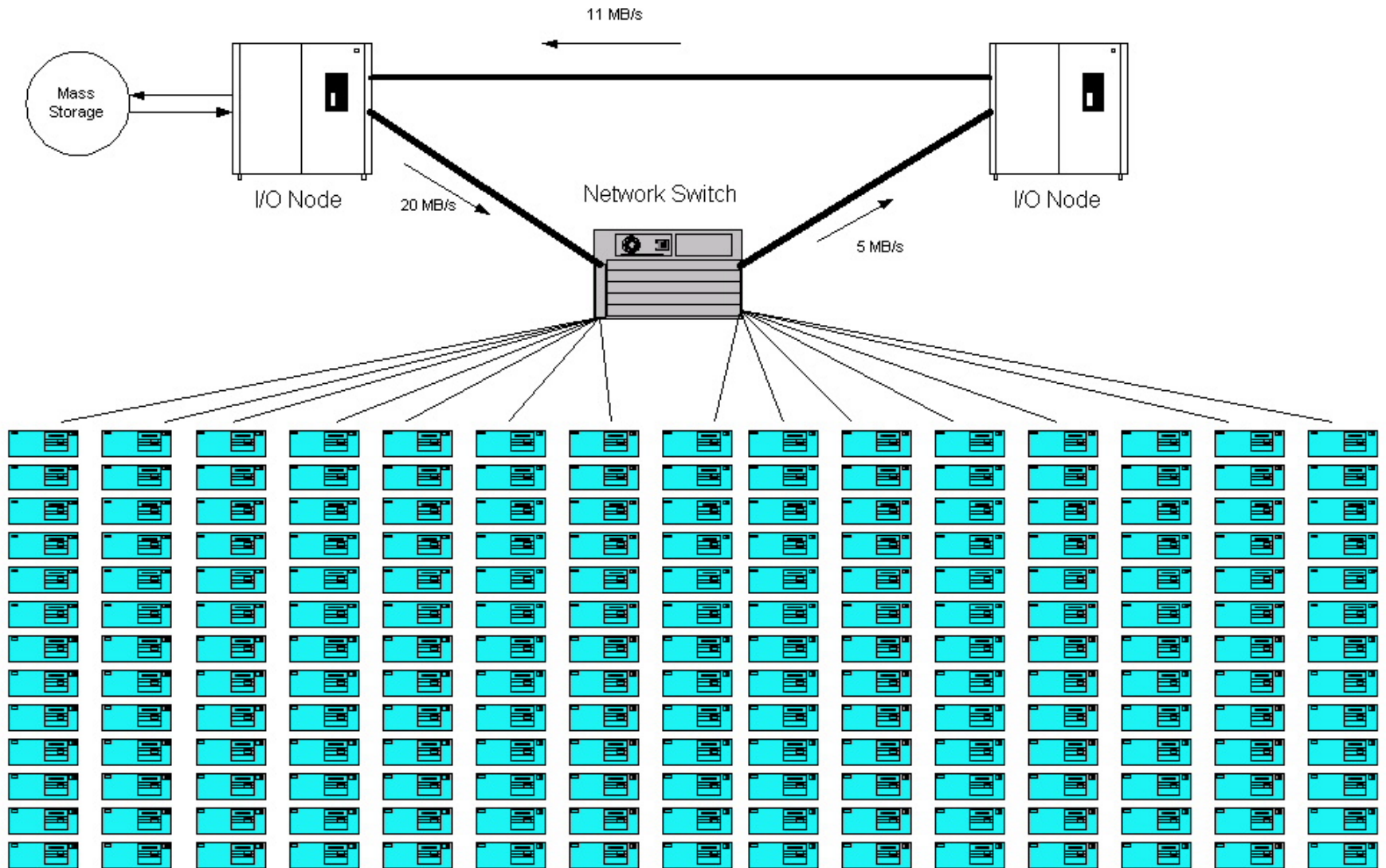
Outline

- **Farms Status, Size, Capacity**
- **Possible Modes of Operation**
- **Options for Monte Carlo Production**

CDF Run 2 Farms

- **48 PIII/500 duals running Linux, 512 MB memory, 42 GB disk, 100 Mbit ethernet**
- **40 PIII/800 duals running Linux, 512 MB memory, 50 GB disk, 100 Mbit ethernet**
- **SGI O2200 I/O node + SGI O2000 I/O node**
 - **Disk on both and tapedrives on the O2000**
- **Cisco 6509 switch to connect it all together**
- **Plan to purchase 60 PIII/1 GHz (or equiv) nodes and have them installed by late summer**

Run II CDF PC Farm





Total Capacity

- Assume 5 s/event on a PIII/500 machine.
- At 100% utilization:
 - $\text{Events/s} = 96/5 + 80*(800/500)/5 + 120*(1000/500)/5 = 19.2 + 25.6 + 48$
 - = 93 Hz
- Even if one assumes a more realistic utilization it will be easy to keep up with new data.
- There will be reprocessing.
- More machines can and probably will be purchased in FY02

Options for Monte Carlo Production

- Monte Carlo could be run on the farms as a separate farmlet (or set of farmlets).
 - Could be run as one big job (writing out simulation output and ProductExe output files)
 - Or as two completely separate sets of jobs.
- These could be run in parallel with raw data reconstruction and reprocessing.
- Prefer that these jobs be large to make best use of the resources of the farms.
- The priorities (and all priorities) would be determined by the collaboration.
 - This could be an issue, if there is tension between getting “new” data available vs. Monte Carlo vs. reprocessing vs. expressline (if there is an expressline).

How much Monte Carlo?

- The original farm design document (CDF 4810) envisioned a part of the farm for Monte Carlo generation and reconstruction.
- Assume that this is about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the farm, on the average.
- This would allow about 8 Hz of Monte Carlo, assuming that simulation+reconstruction is about 15 s/event on a PIII/500 (700,000 events/day).
 - This compares to 28 Hz average data-taking rate for CDF
 - Degrade by some factor for efficiency
 - Will be reduced if time/event increases
=> 500,000 events/day

Options

- **Run Monte Carlo is parallel with raw processing and reprocessing.**
 - **Production Coordinators could run the jobs**
 - **Priorities set by CDF**
- **Same as above, but**
 - **Physics groups could run the jobs.**
- **Run simulation off-site and ProductionExe at Fermilab (MDC1).**

Impact on Data Handling System

- If we assume 200 KB/event output of simulation and 300 KB/event from ProductionExe and 6-8 Hz
- Could add 4-5 MB/s to the DH system on fcdfsi1.
- If the event sizes are smaller, or a smaller subset (PADs) could be kept, the impact would be much smaller.

Coordination/bookkeeping

- **Need lots of little (and big) things to make this work on the farms:**
 - **Executable(s), calibrations**
 - **Random number seeds**
 - **Physics sets**
 - **Numbers of events**
 - **Priorities**
 - **Validation**
 - **Data set names**
 - **Run section numbers**
 - **Etc.**
- **A simulation production leader would be essential.**